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SUBJECT: FRG-SAG ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMMISSION

1. SUMMARY: FIRST MEETING OF FRG-SAUDI COMMISSION
AIRED GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION BUT PRODUCED
NO SIGNIFICANT CONCRETE RESULTS. ONE MINOR TECHNICAL
AID AGREEMENT SIGNED. END SUMMARY.

2. BECKER (ECONOMICS MINISTRY DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY) GAVE US READOUT AUGUST 7 ON RESULTS OF
FIRST MEETING FRG-SAUDI ARABIAN JOINT COMMISSION ON
ECONOMIC COOPERATION, WHICH MET IN BONN AUGUST 5-6.
ECON MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY ROHWEDDER LED FRG TEAM;
SAG AMBASSADOR JAMIL AL-HEJAILAN LED SAUDI TEAM,
WHICH INCLUDED PETROMIN DIRECTOR TAHIR.

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3. BECKER CONFIRMED PRESS ACCOUNTS THAT COMMISSION

PRODUCED NO SPECTACULAR RESULTS. IT CONFINED ITSELF TO DISCUSSION OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, BUT AIRED NO SPECIFIC VENTURE. CLIMATE WAS GOOD; SAUDIS WERE WELL-PREPARED AND EAGER. IN BECKER'S METAPHOR, THOUGH, COMMISSION IS AT SEASON OF "SOWING, NOT REAPING." HE IMPLIED THAT ITS CROP WOULD MATURE RATHER SLOWLY.

4. MEETING PRODUCED MINOR AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL TRAINING OF SAUDIS, TO BE FINANCED BY SAG. FRG WILL ASSIST SAG MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN AREAS OF TECHNICAL TRAINING, EQUIPMENT FOR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS. PRESS REPORTS THAT UP TO 150 FRG EXPERTS WILL WORK IN SAUDI ARABIA UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

5. ON SEPARATE ISSUE, BECKER CONFIRMED INTEREST OF GERMAN FIRM, DEMINEX, IN OBTAINING SAUDI OIL LEASES. HE SAID, HOWEVER, SAUDIS HAVE NOT MADE ANY DECISION IN THIS REGARD AND THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH DEMINEX WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL SAG HAS COMPLETED ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARAMCO.

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